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BEIRUT'S IV PROGRAM FOR FY-74 INCLUDES GRANT FOR ONLY ONE LABOR LEADER, I.E., JEAN JAWAL, AGE 41, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF THE ELEVATOR AND AIRCONDITIONING WORKERS UNION. AS JAWAL HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT A TRIP TO THE US, IT WOULD SEEM NEITHER PRACTICABLE NOR PRUDENT TO MAKE CHANGES AT THIS TIME. ON THE OTHER HAND, JAWAL WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO TIME HIS STAY IN THE US TO COINCIDE WITH FREE TRADE UNION PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD OBVIOUSLY RENDER HIS VISIT EVEN MORE PROFITABLE. ACCORDINGLY WHILE WE THINK PRESENCE OF KHOURY (WHO HAS BEEN TO THE STATES ONCE) AND/OR SACRE (SEVERAL TRIPS) WOULD BE MORE ADVISABLE IN THE CONTEXT OF GREATER INFLUENCE IN LOCAL LABOR CIRCLES (IF EITHER WERE IN FACT FREE AT THE TIME), SENDING JAWAL, IT WOULD SEEM, WOULD BE THE BEST SOLUTION IN LIGHT OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, UNLESS OF COURSE IT WERE POSSIBLE TO INCREASE LEBANON'S IV FY-74 ALLOTMENT TO ALLOW FOR A SECOND LABOR LEADER GRANT. IF IV FY 74 ALLOTMENT COULD BE INCREASED, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT KHOURY AND SACR BE INVITED IN THAT ORDER.

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WE DO NOT ADVISE INVITING THEM TO ATTEND AT THEIR OWN

EXPENSE. KHOURY WOULD NEED AN INTERPRETER.
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